

Hanging of Clarence Williams.

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fixed three shots at her. One of the bullets took effect, entering her back at the right side, passing through her liver and out her breast. The wounded girl died the next afternoon.

The killing caused the greatest excitement in the village where so many mysterious crimes have been committed and so few ferreted out and the criminal captured.

Immediately after the killing Williams disappeared. At two o'clock on the afternoon a warrant for his arrest was issued and Deputy Sheriff W. W. M. Constable Joe Williams and Constable Hill started in pursuit of the murderer. He was traced to Lloyd Ashmead's farm near this city, where they arrested him just one hour after the warrant was issued. He was in a crouching position when he was taken into custody and he was armed with a revolver with every chamber loaded, but he made no effort to use it when he saw the officers.

After being arrested, the murderer's first question was "Is Josie dead?" He said that the shooting was accidental, as he just shot to scare her. He was immediately brought to Paris and placed in jail to await trial. It was alleged that Williams said two weeks before the shooting that he expected to kill the girl at some time.

Coroner H. H. Roberts held an inquest over the body of the dead girl and the jury returned a verdict that she came to her death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Clarence Williams.

The murdered girl was a comely colored girl, the daughter of "Cap" Tillman, a one-armed negro who is a noted character in Claysville.

His Last Hope Gone.

Charles D. Webb, Williams' attorney, who used every means in his power to secure executive clemency for the condemned man, received the following communication Saturday:

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9, 1899.
CHAS. D. WEBB, ATT'Y.,
Paris, Ky.

Sir—Referring to the petition of Clarence Williams, I am directed by the Governor to say that the statement contained therein do not show sufficient reason for the exercise of Executive clemency. Very truly,

J. L. EARLYWINE,
Private Secretary.

Sketch of Williams

Clarence Williams, who paid the death penalty for the murder of Josie Tillman, his paramour, was a young negro man about twenty-five years old, weighing probably 140 pounds. He lived in Claysville, and last January finished serving two years in the penitentiary for shooting and wounding William Warren. Shortly after his release he and Henry Walker drove two cows belonging to Eld. J. S. Sweeney over to Georgetown and sold them. When part of this money he went to Lexington and bought a pistol which was the weapon he used in killing the Tillman girl.

Williams was very illiterate, not being able to read or write, and dictated all of his communications, after he was confined in the Paris jail, to Forrest Lane, who wrote them for him. All during his confinement, even after being sentenced to death, Williams has been in good spirits, and never seemed to realize the enormity of his crime. He persistently refused to see ministers and had but few callers besides his relatives, his attorney and newspaper men.

Williams willingly stood in the jail yard while a News man took the photograph from which the above cut was made. He was grateful for a copy of the photo which he gave to his sister.

The Trial.

Clarence Williams was indicted by the grand jury at the June term of the Circuit Court, and he was tried at the same term. Being without money to employ a lawyer, Judge J. E. Campbell appointed Judge Charles D. Webb as his counsel, to be assisted by Rogers & Moore. The trial consumed less than half a day, the hearing of the evidence occupying only a short time. Speeches were made for the defendant by Judge Webb and attorney S. B. Rogers, and Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin spoke for the prosecution. The case was then given to the jury, which

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After twenty minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict fixing his punishment at death. Judge Cantrill passed sentence on Williams, and named September 1st as the date for his execution. Judge Webb then took the case to the Court of Appeals, which affirmed the decision of the lower court. Gov. Bradley then named December 11th as the day when Williams must pay the penalty for his crime.

Judge Cantrill complimented the defendant's counsel upon the manner of the case, and the condemned man expressed himself as well satisfied with their efforts in his behalf. It is doubtful if any lawyer could have saved Williams from the gallows, the evidence showing no extenuating circumstances.

The Death Warrant.

On Saturday morning Sheriff Bowen, in the presence of Jailer Kiser and Deputy Jailer Gibson, read the death warrant to Williams in his cell. The condemned man listened to the reading without any outward show of feeling whatever, and Deputy Jailer Gibson, who watched his face closely, says he did not move an eyelash even. The following is the death warrant:

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.
TO THE SHERIFF OF BOURBON COUNTY:
Whereas a copy of the judgment of the Bourbon Circuit Court, and the mandate of the Court of Appeals, in the case of the Commonwealth of Kentucky against Clarence Williams was this day filed before me, and it appears therefrom that said Williams was convicted of murder in said Circuit Court of July 5, 1899, and sentenced by the Judge thereof to be hanged on September 1, 1899, and that said judgment was affirmed by the Court of Appeals on December 29, 1899.

Now, therefore, you are hereby commanded on Monday, the 11th day of December, 1899, to take the said Clarence Williams from confinement in the jail in Bourbon County and in same place execute the sentence of the Court.

Given under my hand and seal as Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, this 10th day of October, 1899, and in the one hundred and eighth year of the Commonwealth.

WM. O. BRADLEY,
By the Governor.
CHAS. FINLEY, By F. C. Wood,
Sec. of State. Asst. Sec. of State.

The Scaffold.

The scaffold used in the execution was brought down from Lexington for the occasion. It has been used three times. The men who have paid the death penalty on it are "Muddauber" Smith, who was hanged at Lexington for ravishing and murdering an aged white woman near Lexington; Clarence Vinegar, colored, who was executed at Georgetown for murdering a negro woman in that city, and Robert Laughlin, a white man, who was hanged at Brooksville, Bracken County, for ravishing his niece and then murdering her and his wife with a poker when the wife, who was in a delicate condition, discovered his first crime. Laughlin then set fire to the house, and ran to tell the neighbors that a burglar had killed his wife and niece. The scaffold was thoroughly tested by Sheriff Bowen. The trap is on the right side of the gallows, in full view of the persons who witness the execution.

The scaffold was put up Friday, and yesterday the jail yard was open to visitors, when hundreds of men and boys and a score or more colored women went in to view the gallows.

John Frazier Goes to the 'Pen.' John Frazier, alias "Sharper," who was the principal witness against Williams, received a sentence Saturday of a year in the penitentiary for stealing money from the Fordham Hotel.

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